

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 4, 2006 MINUTES

On Monday, December 4, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM, at Buck's T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz, and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the November 27, 2006, minutes with corrections. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Lewis Stahl, Jim Hart, Doris Fischer, William Ray, William Olson, Mike DuCuennois, and Beau Blixseth.

Commissioners Elect, Jim Hart and Lewis Stahl, were present to observe the meeting.

Impact Fee Study Cost: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss cost proposals from TischlerBise for the next phase of an Impact Fee Feasibility Analysis. William Olson, Planning Board member, was present for this portion of the meeting. The recommendation from TischlerBise was for three impact fees, one for construction of the Law and Justice Center, one for the Courthouse Expansion, and one for each of five fire districts. Frank Nelson stated that he did not feel that an impact fee would be fair for the Law and Justice Center or the Courthouse Expansion because both are needed now, the deficiencies are already there, and the need is not a direct result of future growth. The Board did see the need for impact fees for Fire Districts as new construction would have a direct impact on the Fire Departments. Doris Fischer stated that if impact fees are instituted, a mechanism to collect them would also need to be in place. David Schulz stated that he would like to have a representative from TischlerBise discuss this issue further with the Board. Doris stated that the Board should have discussions with representatives of each Fire District to see if they agreed with the need for impact fees before contracting further with TischlerBise. Doris will make arrangements for TischlerBise to meet with the Board and will also request that Fire Department representatives and the Sheriff are present for the meeting.

Public Hearing on Cell Phone Tower: Chairman Coffman called the public hearing for construction of a cell phone tower in Yellowstone Club to order at 10:30 am. William Ray, Global Tower Partners, Mike DuCuennois and Beau Blixseth, Yellowstone Club, were present for this portion of the meeting. Doris explained that the Commission adopted an ordinance in 2003 that established a permitting process for installing wireless communication towers and other tall structures. This process requires a public hearing to allow for public input of any such proposed project. Yellowstone Mountain Club has proposed construction of a monopole tower. The tower would be a maximum of 183 feet and constructed on a 100 by 100 foot unplatted plot of land within the Yellowstone Club. William Ray, Mike DuCuennois, and Beau Blixseth all spoke in favor of the project. No one present spoke against the project. Per recommendation of the planning staff, Frank Nelson moved to approve the permit application for construction of a wireless communications tower in the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 3 East, within Yellowstone Mountain Club, with a maximum tower height of 183 feet, assuming the site development and operation will occur in accordance with the permit application and subsequent verbal information, and subject to the following conditions: 1. That construction of the tower complies with all State and County regulations, 2. The applicant renew the Certificate of Liability Insurance, and 3. The tower operation shall not interfere with radio communication between the Big Sky Water and Sewer District's booster station site and its wastewater treatment plant. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Bill Olson, Madison County Planning Board, stated that he is proud to be in Madison County and to have such great County Commissioners. He commended the Commissioners for the work they do, stating that they are ahead of the curve, looking at future issues, and setting ground work for the future. Ted Coffman stated that the county can look forward to the same type of dedication from the incoming commissioners.

Board Resignations: David Schulz moved to accept the resignation of Donald (Kid) Neville from the Madison Valley Cemetery Board and to advertise the vacancy. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Board Appointments: David Schulz moved to appoint Marilee Tucker as the Madison County representative to the Virginia City Planning Board. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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Emergency Management Position: The Board noted that they had offered Chris Mumme the Director of Emergency Management position.

Road Crew Foreman Consideration: Frank Nelson, District 2 Road Supervisor, requested that the Board consider making Frosty Armstrong a Road Foreman for the Harrison area. Frank stated that Frosty takes all the calls and has the responsibility of dealing with the public in that area, but does not have other employees to supervise. Ted Coffman questioned whether there was a need for two foremen in one road district and stated that the position of Assistant Foreman may be a better option in this situation. Frank will check on how long Frosty has been employed with the County and review his pay scale.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

C. Ted Coffman, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

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